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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: U.S. VISIT OF GOI MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS VERMA

REF: NEW DELHI 7359

1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC IS PLEASED TO
INFORM EMBASSY THAT OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION TO
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS BRIJLAL VERMA WAS SIGNED
MAY 30, 1978 BY SIDNEY HARMON, ACTING SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE. LETTER WILL BE AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO
VISIT THE UNITED STATES. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT YOUR VISIT
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WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES BY PROVIDING FOR AN
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND BY PRESENTING YOU WITH A FIRSTHAND
LOOK AT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN UNITED STATES
TECHNOLOGY.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS KEY
RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR UNDERTAKING

POLICY RESEARCH IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD.

TOGETHER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH. I BELIEVE THAT THE APPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN MEETING SOME OF THE NEEDS OF INDIA IN EXPANDING ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

I WOULD SUGGEST THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 19 TO JUNE 30 FOR YOUR VISIT. AS YOU AND YOUR MINISTRY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, I WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THOSE

AREAS WHICH WOULD BE OF THE MOST INTEREST. THESE

SUGGESTIONS WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN OUR PLANNING FOR YOUR VISIT.

I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

3. MEPD AND NTIA MEETING TOMORROW (JUNE 1) TO ARRIVE AT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SPECIAL INTERESTS WHICH MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM.

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4. WILL MINISTER EXPECT ESCORT FOR HIS TRIP AROUND U.S.? WHAT WILL BE ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS OF CONTINENTAL U.S. (NEED TO KNOW TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO HUGHES - CALIFORNIA.

5. WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS. VANCE

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